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NFS NEWS AND NOTES  
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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the NFS was held on November 17, 1989 in the Clarion Hotel, in conjunction with the National Cage Bird Show. Present were: Russ Armitage, Jr., Laura Bewley, Jeff Brissette, Denise Capazzi, Al Decoteau, Bruce Evanick, Brenda Geesey, Cecil Gunby, Jon Hoffman, Joe Krader, Jerry McCawley, Bill Parlee and Chris Voronovitch.

Russ gave the annual treasurers report and noted that expenses have been high since August and income has not been as high. Dues renewals are several months behind as Russ has been following the mailing schedule of the bulletin and that has delayed second notices for renewals. The leg bands for 1990 have been ordered and have been paid for and the show awards are always a major expense at this season. A motion was made and passed that this report be accepted and printed in the November/December issue of the bulletin.

Stephen Hoppin, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the final slate of nominees for the upcoming election. Gene Miller, Marty Von Raesfeld and Tom Rood were the other Committee members and received a round of applause for their work. The final slate is on the ballot which is the "centerfold" of this issue. Nancy Reed has agreed to receive the ballots and tabulate the election results. Her address appears on the back of the ballot.

Denise Capazzi gave good news with her Band Secretarays' report. She announced that we have sold 16,600 bands to 190 NFS members and that for the first time the band program has made a profit. A total of 255 orders were filled and although our profit as of 11/17/89 was only \$12 it WAS A PROFIT ! Now is the time to order for 1990. As of this date prices and sizes remain the same and so you can use the 1989 form in this issue for your first 1990 order. They will be shipped to arrive in early January 1990.

Bill reported on the lithographs from the original Eric Peake print. The project is proceeding well, the prints are to be advertised again in subsequent bulletin issues and members are strongly encouraged to purchase these limited edition collector's items. Only if we are successful with this initial venture will we be able to do it again !

Dr. Al Decoteau reported that four persons in the Apprentice Program have fulfilled all requirements and are eligible to be presented to the Board for a vote as to whether they will become NFS Panel Judges. The four are:

Roddy Gable	Brenda Geesey
Rita O'Dell	Marty Von Raesfeld

Al mentioned that Geesey and Von Raesfeld are the only applicants who ever have scored 100% on the NFS written test. The Board voted and all were unanimously approved as NFS Panel Judges. Congratulations to all !

Al also announced the Standard Committee for the Star Finch. Bill Parlee and Clarence Culwell will co-chair this committee. Other members will be Gene Miller, Cecil Gunby and Marty Von Raesfeld. Anyone who wishes to join them is cordially invited. If you wish to submit opinions or ideas contact one of the co-chairs who will be happy to hear from you.

Brenda Geesey took responsibility for signing up sponsors for the sections of the NFS division in the 1990 National Cage Bird Show in Atlanta, GA. All ten sections now have sponsors whose names will appear in the 1990 NCBS Show Catalog. Thanks go to them. If you would like to contribute to the sponsorship of the division, contact Russ or Brenda.

The Board discussed the purchase of binders for our Bulletins. After discussion it was dismissed as being too costly.

The Official NFS Handbook update was discussed. Since it is done in a looseleaf format members who have the first edition may only wish to purchase whatever additional pages are printed this year. However, editions with all the original and all the new pages will also be available. A price will be set when it is finished, based upon size and weight and the mailing cost. It is now tentatively planned for release in March. A committee will be formed after the election and your participation and input are invited.

Bill Parlee introduced Brenda Geesey, the nominee for President, to the group. He said he supports her and will assist her in the future. He said he will charge her with the great task of improving intra-society communications. He asked her to say what she plans for the Society. Brenda said that she feels, as many do, that Bill has done a great job and has put an incredible effort and given tremendous support to this society that he "invented" for the benefit of us all. She said she plans no major changes on the theory that "if it ain't broke...don't fix it !" She said she feels the society is strong and sound. She said she wants to concentrate more time in giving to the membership through the bulletin and the handbook. She said she would like to see more participation in FINCHSAVE and better communications within the society.

Bill announced the time and place of the annual membership meeting and the Board meeting adjourned.

The 1989 Annual Membership Meeting was held at the Clarion Hotel in New Orleans on November 18, 1989 and was well attended. President Parlee called the meeting to order and asked Dr. Decoteau to give the first reports. Al introduced the twelve judges who were present and spoke of the ongoing success of the Apprentice Program. He reiterated the fact that each judge must serve on a Standards Committee. In answer to a question he confirmed that species chosen to have standards written for them are chosen on the basis of the number of times they had shown up on the top bench.

Exhibitor Excellence Awards achieved by the end of the 1988 show season were announced. They were:

Marty Von Raesfeld, 299 points

Brenda Geesey, 220 points

1988's Championship Exhibitors were announced.

Marty Von Raesfeld	176 points	(In one season...terrific !)
Cecil Gunby	82	
Brenda Geesey	81	
Chris Voronovitch	67	
Hal Koontz	60	
Gene Miller	54	
Tom Rood	51	
Stephen Hoppin	50	

Plaques were presented to the top three birds and best softbill in the 1989 National Show. They went to:

First place	Marvin Yoder
Second place	Stephen Hoppin
Third place	Marvin Yoder
Best Softbill	Cecil Gunby

Bill Parlee, our outgoing President announced that he will be presenting an Annual Founder's Award to a member who has served the Society and its' members faithfully and well. This award will be his own personal way of honoring and thanking a dedicated and hard-working volunteer each year. The First Annual Founder's Award went to;

Russell Armitage, Jr.

....with a warm round of applause for all that Russ has done for this society since its' very first days.

Bill also presented Certificates of Appreciation to Denise Capazzi, Jerry McCawley, Roger O'Connell, Nancy Reed and Brenda Geesey.

Bill again stated that he would help the new elected officers in any way that he could. He asked Brenda to say a few words. She said that she welcomes the opportunity and the challenge to follow in his footsteps and hopes to help the Society flourish within its' present programs. She also said she hopes we can remain light-hearted and serious-minded and that we can increase the laughter and the feeling of "family" within the Finch Family.

In parting Bill said that he wished us all Godspeed and promised not to "disappear". He hopes to help with Standards and Educational activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Voronovitch